

“A COURAGEOUS FAITH IN GOD”

The Book of Daniel

Who wrote The Book of Daniel?

The author of The Book of Daniel is unknown

How did The Book of Daniel get its name and/or what does that name mean?

The Book of Daniel is named for its hero. Daniel.

When did these events take place?

The events in the book actually took place during the Babylonian exile of the Jews in the 6th century B.C (approximately 550 B.C.). However, the book was not written until the time of the persecution of the Jews in the second century B.C. (approximately 165 B.C.).

For more about The Book of Daniel:

See page 917 in the [Fireside Catholic Youth Bible](#).

It's not easy being Catholic in today's world. Some of the truths we embrace as a part of our faith like the sanctity of life from conception to natural death or the belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist are under attack. In some places in the world, defending the faith has become a matter of life and death. Would you be willing to go that far? Do you have the faith it would take to believe that God would watch over you, regardless of how serious the situation might get? Do you have the courage to stand up to evil regardless of the risks?

The prophet Daniel did. Along with his three friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, Daniel proved that if you have faith in God, you can overcome temptation and survive any test that is put in front of you. The stories of surviving the fiery furnace or the Lions' den (both fates which would kill any other men) foreshadow Christ triumph over death. In these stories of prophecy, Daniel teaches us that even death cannot conquer God and that our faith in Him will lead us safely through all of life's other challenges

Interesting Fact: Daniel possessed a gift to interpret mysteries and dreams. He foretold many events by interpreting the dreams of King Nebuchadnezzar.

Bonus Point: What “Babylonian idol” did Daniel destroy by feeding it an intestinal bomb made of tar and hair?